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Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the 4953rd meeting of the Security Council, held on 27 April 2004, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "The situation between Iraq and Kuwait", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council welcomes with appreciation the comprehensive briefing provided by the Secretary-General's Special Adviser Mr. Lakhdar Brahimi.

"Recalling its Presidential Statement of 24 March 2004 (S/PRST/2004/6) the Security Council considers the efforts of the Special Adviser and his team as well as those of the United Nations electoral assistance team to be of particular importance and urgency.

"The Security Council strongly supports the efforts and dedication of the Special Adviser and welcomes the provisional ideas he has submitted as a basis for the formation of an interim Iraqi government to which sovereignty will be transferred on 30 June 2004.

"The Security Council encourages the Secretary-General and his Special Adviser to continue diligently with the efforts that they are employing, and welcomes the Special Adviser's intention to return to Iraq shortly, and looks forward to a further briefing upon his return.

"The Security Council calls on all Iraqi parties to cooperate fully with the Special Adviser, and also calls on Iraq's neighbours and the international community at large to lend all support possible to these efforts."

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